**Workers covered under ESI Scheme in Gujarat**

578. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers covered by the Employees State Insurance Scheme in Gujarat;

'(b) the number of hospitals and dispensaries of ESI functioning in Gujarat and also the number of workers being benefited thereby;

(c) the number of hospitals and dispensaries proposed to be set up during the remaining period of the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the number of dispensaries which are to be modernised and upgraded during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) There are 12 ESI Hospitals and 124 ESI Dispensaries in Gujarat covering 5,72,600 insured persons and their family members.

(c) the ESI Hospitals and Dispensaries are set up in consultation with State Governments on need basis and, therefore, not linked to Five Year Plan. During 2000-2001 the ESIC has sanctioned establishment of two dispensaries *i.e.* one each at Gandhinagar and Anand Vallabh Vidyanagar. At present there is no proposal to set up any new hospital/dispensary in Gujarat.

(d) Under the Action Plan, the ESIC had decided to provide necessary basic equipments to all ESI Dispensaries. Acordingly, the Corporation has sanctioned equipments worth Rs. 17,22,000/- so as to upgrade/modernise dispensaries in Gujarat during the last two years.

**Abolition of Child Labour**

†579. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have fixed a target to abolish child labour in the country by the year 2010;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that a programme to impart professional training to child labourers for their rehabilitation is being run by Government since long and from 1980 to 2000 a sum of Rs. 567 crore were allocated under this

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.